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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY AUDITORS  
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICERS

SUBJECT: TIME ELIGIBLE REFUGEE/ENTRANTS ON GENERAL ASSISTANCE WHO APPLY  
FOR INTERIM ASSISTANCE

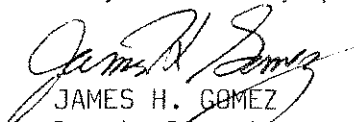
Amended Federal Regulations (45 CFR, Parts 400 and 401) were implemented in California, effective May 1, 1982. Under the new regulations, refugees and Cuban/Haitian entrants (who are not eligible for SSI/SSP or AFDC) may, if eligible, receive Refugee/Entrant Cash Assistance (RCA/ECA) benefits during their first 18 months in the U.S. (For entrants, the 18 months begins with their date of parole.) At the end of their 18th month, these refugees/entrants become ineligible for the RCA/ECA programs; however, they may then receive county General Assistance (GA) benefits if they meet county GA standards. 45 CFR, Parts 400 and 401, allow the counties to claim 100 percent federal RRP reimbursement of grant and administrative expenditures for GA benefits provided to refugees/entrants during their 19th through 36th month in the U.S. (The counties claim such federal reimbursement through the State Department of Social Services.)

Time eligible refugee/entrants (those in their 19th month through their 36th month) receiving GA may be eligible for the Interim Assistance Program (IAP) if they are being aided by a county which has elected to implement the IAP, MPP Section 46.337.

Under the provisions of the IAP, the initial SSI/SSP warrant is sent to the county welfare department (CWD); the amount paid for interim assistance is withheld by the CWD and the balance of the initial payment forwarded to the recipient.

The amount of interim assistance withheld by the CWD for Refugee/Entrant GA recipients shall be abated on the monthly assistance claim (Form CA 859 - Federal Funds Claimable Based on Expenditures for Time-Eligible Refugees and Entrants in Receipt of General Assistance). This method of claiming prevents duplicate reimbursement of GA expenditures.

If you have any questions, please contact Willa Wallen at (916) 445-7046.

  
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